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SETTLEMENT METHOD, ORDER PLACING DEVICE  
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Sir:

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Please call Kevin Mallett, at 703-205-8090, extension 6012 if there are any questions with regard to the present request.

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